

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Harmony Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Camden Baptist Church

OCTOBER 20-21-22, 1905.

Next Place of Meeting—Center Hill, Conway, Miss.

1905.

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OFFICERS:

T. E. MORRIS, Moderator Lena, Miss.
T. G. WARD, Clerk and Treasurer Lena, Miss.

NEXT MEETING.

PLACE—Center Hill, fourteen miles south of Kosciusko.
TIME—Friday before fourth Sunday in October, 1906.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Z. M. Dunn Barnes, Miss.
ALTERNATE—W. P. Dorril Dossville, Miss.

PROCEEDINGS.

First Day.

CAMDEN, MISS., Oct. 20, 1905.

According to adjournment of last session, the Harmony Baptist Association met with Camden church, Madison county, Miss., in its fifty-sixth annual session.

After the congregation had sung a hymn, 14th chapter of John was read by T. G. Ward and prayer offered by W. P. Dorril, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed W. B. J. Barnett, Caidus Cox and P. C. Barnett, committee on credentials; J. N. Dorril, P. H. Rushing and E. T. Gober, finance committee.

The committee on credentials not being ready to report, by motion, the body proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the election of T. E. Morris Moderator, and T. G. Ward clerk and treasurer.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters, when Pleasant Hill, Bethel and Freeney churches presented themselves for petitioning membership in the association, and were unanimously received.

The call for corresponding messengers was made, when the following responded:

B. F. Miller, from the Yazoo association; J. G. Gilmore, vice-president foreign mission board, for the association; and T. G. Ward, vice-president of home mission board, for the association.

By motion the association adjourned for recess for one and one-half hours for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

The association was called together by singing "How firm a foundation." The introductory sermon was preached by W. E. Dear, the appointee, from Jude, 3d verse, which was listened to with great interest.

The committee on credentials made the following report:

Bethany (Choc.)—Will Jimmie, Silmon Bell.
 Bethel—E. S. Douglas, R. A. Ashcraft.
 Camden—W. B. J. Barnett, J. E. Gober.
 Carthage—James Boyd.
 Cedar Grove—W. B. Dumas, Robert Broocks.
 Center Hill—John Edwards, M. P. Allen, J. T. Parker.
 Cross Roads—C. C. Anderson, Sr.
 Damascus—P. H. Rushing, J. B. Anderson.
 Freeney—R. G. Joiner.
 Friendship—W. E. Dear, T. G. Ward, R. H. Pate, Oscar Thomas.
 Good Hope (L.)—T. E. Morris, A. M. Langford, J. A. Lay.
 Good Hope (M.)—J. P. Gober, H. H. Young, R. S. Barrett, Hiram Cotton, J. A. McDaniel.
 Hebron—W. O. Thornton.
 Hopewell—F. M. Ellington.
 Hopewell (Choc.)—Scott York.
 Mt. Zion—Lawrence Owens.
 Mt. Zion (Choc.)—Tom Anderson, S. W. Stolliby.
 New Hope—John Barnett.
 New Providence—J. E. Ware.
 Pleasant Hill—W. S. Troutman.
 Rocky Point—W. P. Dorril, Z. M. Dunn, M. L. Wood.
 Salem—W. A. Williams.
 Standing Pine—P. C. Barnett.
 Stump Bridge—W. P. Wallace, Herman Coleman.
 Thomastown—E. T. Gober, J. G. Carnes, Barney Blailock, Stilth Blailock.
 Tuscola—W. O. Lindsay, Chas. Weems.
 Unity—R. D. King.
 Wake Forest—B. F. Odem, Lee Young.
 Walnut Grove—C. A. Cox, M. C. Ferguson.
 After which the committee on digest of letters was

appointed as follows: W. P. Dorril, W. P. Wallace and J. M. Barnett.

The committee on religious exercises was appointed, as follows: J. G. Carnes, C. A. Cox, pastor and deacons of this church.

R. H. Pate, Karl Ferguson and W. B. Dumas were appointed a committee on order of business.

By motion the report of the trustees of Harmony Baptist Institute was set at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

The committee on religious exercises made report that J. G. Gilmore preach at 8 P. M.

By motion the association adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. to-morrow.

At 8 P. M. the congregation reassembled and J. G. Gilmore preached a strong sermon from 2d chapter, 8th verse, of Eph.

Second Day—Morning Session.

After the reading of 24th division of the Psalms by P. C. Barnett and prayer offered by J. B. Anderson, the association was called to order by the Moderator.

Report of the executive board was read by the clerk and adopted, and the committee appointed as follows: W. P. Dorril, chairman; N. F. Wallace, T. B. Blailock, O. H. Barnett, and S. A. Moore.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

We have held two meetings, viz: at Hopewell in April, and at Wake Forest in July. At each meeting the various mission points within the associational bounds that are without Baptist preaching were discussed, but nothing in the way of supplying those points with preaching was done.

At the meeting held with Hopewell, the board recommended that the association at her next meeting appoint a committee of five to be known as an executive committee to look after the mission work of the association, and to make known to the state board our

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need of help in mission work, three of said committee shall be a quorum.

We further state that the state board is doing the following work in the association at the following churches in the way of supplementing the salaries of their pastors:

Hebron, to J. G. Gilmore	\$25 00
Wake Forest, to B. F. Odem	25 00
Hopewell, to J. E. Curry	25 00
Total	\$75 00

Discussions of practical and doctrinal questions have formed a very interesting and, we trust, profitable feature in each of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. WARD, Clerk.

T. E. MORRIS, Moderator.

Report on sustentation was read by T. G. Ward, and ably discussed by B. F. Miller and adopted.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

Your committee on sustentation beg leave to report the following:

We think in case of our aged ministers and their widows, who have done so much in planting the gospel over our state, while at the same time living off of the labors of their own hands, that they are very much neglected. We therefore ask each and every pastor and deacon of the churches composing this association to take this matter under consideration and ask the members of their respective churches to give a liberal contribution, and see to it that one or two collections annually be taken for this noble cause.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. WARD.

Report on Orphanage was read by B. F. Odem and spoken to by B. F. Miller and adopted, after which took up collection for same, amounting to \$22.30.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

It is the will of God that christians care for orphan children, and this work has been centered among our

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Baptists in an orphan home located at Jackson, consisting of 112 acres of land in the suburbs of the city, with accommodations for over one hundred children. Brother J. R. Carter and wife have charge of the work. We would recommend that our churches aid Brother Carter in this work by contributing liberally to the support of the same.

B. F. ODEM, Chairman.

The committee on religious exercises reports that B. F. Miller preach in the Presbyterian church at 11 A. M. and Z. M. Dunn at the Baptist church at 8 P. M.

The report of the trustees of the Harmony Baptist Institute was read by its secretary, spoken to by Prof. R. H. Pate and W. E. Dear and adopted.

When on motion the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That the selection of a new board of trustees be referred back to the local board of trustees at Lena.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF HARMONY BAPTIST INSTITUTE.

The report of the trustees of the Harmony Baptist Institute to the Harmony association will say that the session of 1905 and 1906 opened on the 5th day of September last, with about seventy pupils and the attendance has increased to something over 100. Its discipline and teaching force have never been surpassed in the history of the institute in giving satisfaction to patrons and student body. Our principal and teaching force are tried and true educators, and are not strangers, coming to us from a distance.

Brethren of the Harmony association, circumstances over which we have no control, made it necessary for the patrons of this institution to change its name from the Harmony Baptist Institute to the Lena Collegiate Institute, which circumstances will be fully explained by the bearers of this report, and we the friends of this institution request you to ratify the action of the patrons in changing its name, if in your judgment deem it best, by which ratification all denominational bearing and caste is hereby nullified.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. MORRIS, Chairman.

T. G. WARD, Clerk.

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Report on missions was read by W. E. Dear, spoken to by W. E. Dear and adopted, who failed to hand in his report, hence the clerk prepared the one below.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The mission work is to send the gospel to those who have not heard it. We have been greatly blessed in the past year; the work seems to be nowhere impeded, but in every field are continued proofs of divine favor and of power of the Holy Spirit, for which we ought to praise God, from whom all blessings come. The call for more laborers is increasing. The boards are sending more every year. God has blessed us also with means to carry on these agencies, for which we thank God and take courage. Yet we are not fully occupied, and yet the Master says occupy till I come. Last year the association through the churches contributed for state missions \$221.20, home missions \$175.35, foreign missions \$295.85. Total \$692.40.

This year we have contributed for state missions, \$265.20; home missions, \$196.85; foreign missions, \$271.13; total \$733.18, an increase of \$40.78 over last year. The figures show an increase in state and home missions, but a decrease in foreign missions. Brethren, this should not be so next year. Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields, for they are already white to the harvest.

So bring your tithes into the storehouse of the Lord; then shall the door of heaven be opened and a blessing shall descend upon you.

CLERK.

Report on ministerial education and Mississippi college was read by T. G. Ward and spoken to by Karl Ferguson, R. B. Gunter, R. H. Pate, W. E. Dear and W. B. J. Barnett and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

We think when a man is called of God to preach he should try and get the best education he can, for he has a great work to do. So he had better prepare for the work, so that he may be able to understand the word of God and teach it. A man who has but a limited ed-

uation may preach and a great deal of good, but if he has a good education he can do a great deal more good. We think a young man, when he is called of God to preach, should go to Mississippi College and prepare himself for the great work God has called him to do. The time has come when a man must educate himself if he expects to do much.

God helps the man who helps himself. We think the churches should do all in their power to assist one of their members who is called to preach. We as a denomination should feel proud of our ministry. The Baptists a few years ago, were looked upon as an ignorant class of people, but thanks to God, to-day our ministers stand shoulder to shoulder with any denomination in the world.

We thank God that He has given us Mississippi College. When we look at the strong men that have gone out from Mississippi College we feel proud of such an institution. We don't say a man should not preach, if he is called of God to preach, if he is so fixed that he can't go to Mississippi College, but we think no young man is so poor but what he can work his way and go to college and prepare himself for his life work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. WARD,
C. A. COY.

Report on prohibition was read by W. P. Dorril and spoken to by P. C. Barnett, R. H. Pate, Z. M. Dunn, W. E. Dear and adopted, and the clerk requested to have the report printed in the Carthaginian and Baptist.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

The child of God is a new man; he is to walk in a new life; he is to perform new duties; he is to have new associates, walking in that new life among those new associates. He is to form new habits. God made the law of prohibition, for He commands us in Eph. 5-11, to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them for the things which are done by them in secret. It is a shame even to speak of them, hence He says in I. Cor. 5-7, purge out the old leaven that ye may be a new lump; also in Eph. 4-22, that ye put away as concerning your former manner of

life—the old man that waxeth corrupt after the lust of deceit and that ye put on the new man. Now, as the liquor traffic belongs to the works of the old man and is doing more to demoralize the human family, to hinder civilization, to oppose christianity and to retard the progress of the gospel than any other one thing, and besides also it acts like a vampire upon the government, a cancer upon society, an ulcer upon the churches, and a blight upon the home. As Abraham Lincoln once said, "We shall nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope of the human race." Am I wisely voting and working for the prohibition of saloons, the great enemy of civil and religious liberty and everything that is good, or meanly doing nothing, or worse than nothing?

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that for any minister or church member to drink intoxicants as a beverage, signs whisky petitions, go on liquor dealers' bonds, vote for the sale of whisky or encourage or countenance the traffic in any way, is grossly unchristian conduct, that should be brought under kind yet strict church discipline, and with God's help we will use our best efforts to suppress the traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. DORRIL,

S. D. JACKSON,

B. F. COTTOX, Committee.

At 11 A. M. B. F. Miller met a large congregation at the Presbyterian church and preached the gospel to the satisfaction of all present.

Took recess for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

After hymn sung by the congregation and prayer offered by B. F. Miller, the body was called to order.

Report on queries and requests was read by R. H. Pate and adopted, and by motion Unity church was granted a letter of dismission.

REPORT ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your committee note no queries, but find three churches—Walnut Grove, Center Hill and Salem—ask-

ing that this body meet with them next year. The committee recommends that you meet with Center Hill church.

Also Unity church asks for a letter of dismission from the association as a matter of convenience. We report favorably. Respectfully submitted,

R. H. PATE.

The committee on religious exercises reported, at 11 A. M. Sunday as follows:

W. E. Dear at the Presbyterian church.

B. F. Miller at the Baptist church.

T. G. Ward at the Methodist church.

Report on obituaries was read by J. G. Gilmore, spoken to by B. F. Miller, and adopted, after which a collection amounting to \$16.05 was raised to have erected a marble slab at the grave of Rev. E. T. Dendy. Said money was placed in the hands of J. P. Gober, who was appointed chairman of a committee to have the work done.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

In the items of the letters to this association we find that twenty-seven of our brethren and sisters, whose names are appended hereto, have fallen asleep in Jesus since we were last assembled. Brethren and sisters, in the light of these facts, let us with christian love, tender to the relatives and friends of the deceased our sympathies and point them to God, whose ear is always open to the cries of his people. The deceased are as follows:

Brethren Zach Stewart, J. M. Sandidge, Anthony Foster, J. F. Kernop, Jeff Smith, David Treadwell, Matthew Syle, Dump Comley, W. F. Youngblood, Haily Cotton, Elder E. T. Dendy, Jim A. Savel, O. E. Kirksey, S. J. Sam.

Sisters Nan Smith, C. C. Anderson, Matilda Threate, Mattie Nichols, J. R. Ellington, Nannie Blailock, Judie Dickens, Sarah Nevils, Nancy Flowers, Maggie Slay, Allie S. King, Mantha Joshua, Susan Socky.

A letter was read by W. E. Dear from Bethany church (Choc.) asking help to pay for their house of wor-

ship, which matter was referred to the executive committee.

Report on nominations was read by P. H. Rushing and adopted, and by motion the Moderator and clerk ordered to draft a program for the next meeting of the executive board.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that Z. M. Dunn be appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of the association and W. P. Dorril his alternate.

We recommend that the executive board be held with Friendship church, commencing Friday before fifth Sunday in December, 1905, and that the following named brethren be appointed as members of the executive board, and that each church be requested to appoint one additional:

Bethany (Choc.)—Solomon Bell.
 Bethel—E. S. Douglas.
 Camden—B. F. Geriner.
 Carthage—N. F. Wallace.
 Cedar Grove—J. A. Watkins.
 Center Hill—M. D. Allen.
 Cross Roads—R. B. Hawthorn.
 Damascus—T. H. Rushing.
 Friendship—S. A. Moore.
 Good Hope (L.)—R. H. Wiggins.
 Good Hope (M.)—T. W. Wilkerson.
 Hebron—Sam Thornton.
 Hopewell—F. M. Ellington.
 Hopewell (Choc.)—Scott York.
 Midway—Wm. Phillips.
 Mt. Carmel—Y. A. Ward.
 Mt. Zion—G. L. Owens.
 Mt. Zion (Choc.)—Tom Anderson.
 New Hope—Lon Young.
 New Providence—M. Flowers.
 New Union—R. S. Dooley.
 Plymouth—Rob Byrom.
 Rocky Point—J. F. Lee.
 Salem—W. A. Williams.
 Standing Pine—W. J. Barnett.
 Stump Bridge—A. B. Coleman.

Thomastown—T. H. Gober.

Tuscola—R. L. Denson.

Wake Forest—Cal Odem.

Walnut Grove—J. L. Parker.

Freemey—R. G. Joiner.

Pleasant Hill—W. S. Troutman.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. H. RUSHING.

Report on Digest of Letters was read by W. P. Dorris and adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Your committee on digest of letters report that we have examined the letters sent up by the churches and find the following statistics: churches, 30; increase, 232; decrease, 157; total membership, 1822; for missions, \$740.83; orphanage, \$98.10; pastors salary, \$1,624; total contributed \$2,476. We find nine Sunday schools with twenty-eight teachers and 364 students.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. WALLACE.

W. P. DORRIE.

T. J. BARNETT, Committee.

Report on Woman's Work was read by G. W. Nutt and adopted, and by motion Sister R. H. Pate was elected vice-president of the association.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We are glad to note the hearty reception that is being given to the organization of woman's work in our association, but still there is vast room for improvement. If we be rightly informed, there are only two organizations in this association. But there is no doubt that they are doing telling work for the Master, as all of us who read the associational papers know. Among the early disciples of our Lord are recorded names of women for whom He did the great service of healing and the greater service of saving and they are not merely passive recipients of his gracious bounty, but they were active, sympathetic, self-sacrificing co-workers with Christ. Read first part of the eighth chapter of Luke and we see the names of

some of these women. Paul in his letter to the Romans mentions several names of women in Rome who had labored with him in helping spread the gospel. In his letter to the Philippians Paul says, and I entreat thee also true yoke fellows, help those women which labored with me in the gospel with Clement; also and with others of my fellow laborers whose names are in the book of life. And it is so reasonable for us to think these women were organized so that they might do their work better and without embarrassment. It is time our churches all wake up to the fact that we must have organizations among the women of the churches. Every christian has work to do and nobody can do another's work, and there is no question that it is the best way for women to work. It needs no argument. The noble work that they have done and are doing speaks more than words could tell. We would recommend that this association have a vice-president elected, and that all the pastors help in organizing the woman's work in the churches in this association.

Write Mrs. W. R. Wood, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Central Committee, Meridian, and she will send literature which will tell you what to do and how to organize the work, and give many suggestions which will be helpful in the work.

By motion G. W. Nutt was elected our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, and J. G. Gilmore, his alternate. By motion the body adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

At 8 P. M. the congregation reassembled for preaching, whereupon Z. M. Dunn preached an interesting sermon from II. Tim. 2-20, after which a collection was taken amounting to \$7.65, to help Freeney church in building a house of worship.

Third Day—Morning Session.

After prayer offered by J. G. Gilmore the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Publication was read by J. G. Gilmore, spoken to by B. P. Miller, G. W. Nutt and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee wish to report that as we conceive that that which one reads is a large factor in the development of their character, the selection of literature is of great importance, for there is no end to the making of books in this age of the world. Trashy and dangerous literature fairly flood our country and it is sad to note how it is welcomed in many christian homes. It is a difficult matter to know what one should not read. We would most heartily recommend that in addition to the Bible the word of God, as it is first of all to read, that we would recommend our state paper, The Baptist, should be read so that we should be more acquainted with our denominational work through the state. We would also recommend our Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal. For further information concerning our mission work, we should not forget our Orphan's Gem, which also gives us the needs of our orphans' home. We should be certain to examine all reading matter which comes in our homes and see to it that our children read wholesome literature.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. B. ANDERSON.

Report on Sunday schools was read by J. G. Gilmore, spoken to by B. F. Miller, G. W. Nutt, W. B. J. Barnett and J. G. Gilmore and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The design of the Sunday school is to impart knowledge to its pupils pertaining to the Bible, the book of all books—God's revealed will to man. Realizing its benefits our association has always urged its cause and striven for its development. Our last statistics show only seventeen schools with only an enrollment of 300 pupils. Your committee would therefore recommend that in every church, where an independent school can be maintained, that the brethren and sisters establish a school.

We would further recommend that all of our schools use the Southern Baptist Sunday school literature, published at Nashville, Tenn.

We would further recommend that you arrange to

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have our state Sunday school missionary deliver a series of lectures within our bounds.

Therefore, let us awake to the sense of our obligation and perform our duties.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. GILMORE.

Y. A. WARD.

J. D. EDWARDS.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We have examined and found the treasurer's report correct as stated. We have received and paid over to the treasurer the following amounts, to-wit:

Associational purposes	\$75.70
State missions	71.15
Home missions	73.50
Foreign missions	46.05
Orphanage sent up by the churches	20.60
By collection here yesterday	22.30

Total amount paid to treasurer \$309.30

The association has paid to A. V. Rowe through the churches the following amounts, to-wit:

State missions	\$169.85
Home missions	118.35
Foreign missions	239.93
Orphanage	58.35

Total paid A. V. Rowe \$586.48

Grand total \$895.78

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. DORRILL.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention from the Harmony association be paid out of the funds of the association.

Resolved, 2. That the clerk of this body be allowed the usual amount, \$15, for his services as clerk.

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Resolved, 3. That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Camden church and community for the very hospitable manner in which the delegates and visitors have been so royally entertained during the session of this body. Also to the other denominations for the use of their houses of worship.

By motion, after singing and giving each other the parting hand, the association adjourned to meet with Center Hill church on Friday at 10 A. M. before the fourth Sunday in October, 1906.

T. E. MORRIS, Moderator.

T. G. WARD, Clerk.

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
Bethany.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00
Bethel.....	4 00	3 00	3 00
Camden.....	6 00	4 00	5 00
Carthage.....	12 50	10 00	12 50
Cedar Grove.....	7 50	5 00	5 00
Center Hill.....	7 50	7 50	10 00
Cross Roads.....	3 00	2 00	2 50
Damascus.....	3 00	3 00	4 00
Friendship.....	60 00	45 00	45 00
Freney.....	2 00	1 00	2 00
Good Hope (L.).....	20 00	15 00	30 00
Good Hope (M.).....	15 00	15 00	20 00
Hebron.....	4 00	3 00	3 00
Hopewell.....	5 00	5 00	10 00
Hopewell (Choc.).....	2 00	2 00	1 00
Mt. Carmel.....	20 00	10 00	15 00
Mt. Zion.....	10 00	10 00	15 00
Mt. Zion (Choc.).....	2 00	1 00	1 00
New Hope.....	7 50	7 50	7 50
New Providence.....	4 00	4 00	4 00
Pleasant Hill.....	2 00	1 00	2 00
Plymouth.....	1 00	1 00	1 00
Rocky Point.....	5 00	5 00	10 00
Salem.....	3 00	3 00	5 00
Standing Pine.....	10 00	10 00	20 00
Stump Bridge.....	3 00	3 00	4 00
Tuscola.....	10 00	7 50	7 50
Thomastown.....	20 00	20 00	40 00
Wake Forest.....	3 00	2 00	3 00
Walnut Grove.....	30 00	25 00	25 00
Total.....	\$217 00	\$207 50	\$270 00

Association voted that these figures be increased at least 10 per cent.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

T. E. Morris	Lena, Miss.
T. G. Ward	Lena, Miss.
J. G. Gilmore	Lena, Miss.
W. E. Dear	Carthage, Miss.
A. M. Barnett	R. F. D. No. 1, Carthage, Miss.
G. W. Nutt	Good Hope, Miss.
W. P. Dorril	Dossville, Miss.
J. M. Vinson	Canton, Miss.
P. H. Rushing	Opoca, Miss.
B. F. Odem	Bolatusha, Miss.
Z. M. Dunn	Barnes, Miss.
P. C. Barnett	Estes Mill, Miss.
T. S. Chitto (Choc.)	Edinburg, Miss.
Scott York (Choc.)	R. F. D. No. 1, Carthage, Miss.
Rufus York (Choc.)	Thomastown, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

T. W. Willerson	Kirkwood, Miss.
W. Savel	Lena, Miss.
C. C. Anderson	Birtice, Miss.

COMMITTEE TO WRITE REPORTS.

Committees to write reports to be made at the Harmony association at her annual meeting in 1906:

- On Missions—J. G. Gilmore.
- On Publications—P. C. Barnett.
- On Prohibition—Z. M. Dunn.
- On Sunday Schools—G. W. Nutt.
- On Woman's Work, R. H. Pate.
- On Orphanage—P. H. Rushing.
- On Nominations—M. F. Ellington.
- On Sustentation—E. T. Gober.
- On Obituaries—B. F. Odem.
- On Queries and Requests—J. B. Anderson.
- On Appointment—T. G. Ward.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely

took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again or "born from above;" that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.

VIII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred

duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God, whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ; we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy, at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

X. OF SANTIFICATION.

We believe that Santification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

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XII. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

VIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only scriptural offices are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications claims and duties are defined in the *Epistles to Timothy and Titus*.

XIV. OF BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost: (1) to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified and risen Savior with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; (2) that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XV. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XVI. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that Civil Government is of Divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for; conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience; and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked, that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVIII. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will then be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doc-

trines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We, moreover, engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P. O.	Increase			Decrease			Total Members	Minutes Wanted
			Time of Meeting	Baptized	By Letter	Restoration	By Letter	Excluded		
Bethany	Scott York, Carthage	Will Jimmie, Franks	3	1			1		11	7
Bethel	W. P. Dorril, Dossyville	H. G. McAdory, Renfro	3	8		1		1	23	15
Camden	G. W. Nutt, Good Hope	J. C. Gober, Camden	3				2	1	18	10
Carthage	T. G. Ward, Lena	N. F. Wallace, Carthage	4	7	3		8	2	86	20
Cedar Grove	T. G. Ward, Lena	J. A. Watkins, Good Hope	2	13	2	1	2		55	15
Center Hill	J. G. Gilmore, Lena	J. D. Pope, Conway	3	4		4	1	2	102	20
Cross Roads	G. W. Nutt, Good Hope	R. B. Hawthorn, Birtice	4	1			1	1	17	8
Damascus	W. P. Dorril, Dossyville	W. M. Rushing, Barnes	2	18	17	3	2	1	52	20
Friendship	W. E. Dear, Carthage	S. A. Moore, Ely	2	9	15		10	1	204	100
Freney	Z. M. Dunn, Barnes	R. G. Joiner, Carthage	3						7	6
Good Hope (L.)	W. E. Dear, Carthage	R. H. Wiggins, Good Hope	1	6		1	3	1	96	25
Good Hope (M.)	T. G. Ward, Lena	D. C. Barnett, Mullonville	3	6		5		9	114	30
Hebron	J. G. Gilmore, Lena	O. B. Thornton, Mamie	2					5	24	10
Hopewell	J. E. Curry, Kosciusko	F. M. Ellington, Zenedy	1	11	1	1	8	1	54	12
Hopewell (Choe)	Scott York, Carthage	Robt. Comly, Carthage	2	1		1		5	16	8
Midway										
Mt. Carmel	T. G. Ward, Lena	Y. A. Ward, Edinburg	1		4				59	20
Mt. Zion	Z. M. Dunn, Barnes	J. G. Gunter, Zion	4	2			46	1	126	35
Mt. Zion (Choe)	Allen Willis, St. Ann	P. T. Chitro, St. Ann	1						11	5
New Hope	A. M. Barnett, Carthage	H. Grimes, Estes Mill	3	6		2	6		61	15
New Providence	Z. M. Dunn, Barnes	J. D. Gross, Gip	2					9	36	10
New Union										
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Gilmore, Lena	L. J. Grimes, Estes Mill	1							8
Plymouth	—, —, Edwards, Madden	E. Richen, Madden	1						28	10
Rocky Point	Z. M. Dunn, Barnes	J. F. Lee, Barnes	1	15	5		7	1	132	30
Salem	W. P. Dorril, Dossyville	J. N. Dorril, Edinburg	4	1	5	1	16	2	103	30
Standing Pine	A. M. Barnett, Carthage	E. W. Barnett, Carthage	1	12	1	2	1	9	77	25
Tuscola	T. G. Ward, Lena	R. L. Denson, Tuscola	2	4	2		4		69	20
Thomastown	H. M. Whitten, Kosciusko	D. Ellington, Thomasto'n	3	6	2		1	2	101	25
Unity	B. F. Miller, Vaughan	R. D. King, Redmonvill	2			1	2	1	44	10
Wake Forest	B. F. Oden, Bolatasha	G. W. Moore, Thomasto'n	1		2	3	3	1	33	10
Walnut Grove	W. E. Dear, Carthage	J. L. Parker, Walnut Grove	3	4	4		5		86	25
Stump Bridge	S. G. Cooper, Canton	A. B. Coleman, Cobville	2				1		33	10

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Associational Purposes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Total sent up	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Total Sent on	Building and Incidentals	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers
Bethany	70	1 00	1 00	55		3 25								
Bethel	1 75	3 25	3 50		2 25	10 75							40 00	
Camden	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00		7 00	4 00	2 45	2 00		8 45	50 00	60 00	
Carthage	2 00	10 00	10 00	12 50		34 50				10 00	10 00	12 50	100 00	47 75
Cedar Grove	1 50	2 00	1 70	5 00		10 20			7 50		7 50		35 00	
Center Hill	5 00		35		75	6 10	5 60	6 30	10 80	1 00	22 70		100 00	14 50
Cross Roads	2 00	1 50				3 50	3 00	1 00	2 00		6 00		20 00	
Damascus	2 00	2 50		2 50	1 40	8 40	1 25		1 25		2 50		25 00	4 00
Friendship	10 00					10 00	59 00	44 00	43 98	11 55	158 53		475 00	25 75
Freney	75	1 75				2 50							25 00	
Good Hope (L.)	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00		18 00	14 30	12 85	25 40		52 55		150 00	
Good Hope (M.)	4 20	15 00	16 30	5 00		40 50			10 00	4 10	14 10	5 00	125 00	25 00
Hebron	75	1 50		55		2 80	2 75	2 55	3 00		8 30		25 00	
Hopewell	1 50					1 50	5 00	5 00	7 50		17 50		75 00	5 25
Hopewell (Choc)		1 50	1 00	1 50		4 00							11 20	
Midway														
Mt. Carmel	4 25					4 25	19 00	7 50	15 00	12 95	54 45		115 00	42 00
Mt. Zion	4 00	7 90	3 20	5 00	5 00	25 10			10 00		10 00		80 00	11 40
Mt. Zion (Choc)	1 10		1 50			3 10								
New Hope	2 50				3 00	5 50	10 70	4 70	4 70		20 10		40 00	6 65
New Providence	2 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		11 00							50 00	16 35
New Union														
Pleasant Hill	1 00					1 00						75 00	5 00	5 00
Plymouth	2 75					2 75								
Rocky Point	6 00	1 45	2 45	2 00	6 20	18 10			7 00	2 00	9 00	23 15	75 00	4 95
Salem	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 50		11 50							50 00	
Standing Pine	3 50					3 50	9 00	16 05	20 00	5 30	44 35	8 20	75 00	50 00
Stump Bridge	2 55			1 00		3 55	5 00	5 50			8 50		68 00	
Tuscola	1 50	15 00				16 50		3 25	3 25	1 60	8 10	50 00	75 00	22
Thomastown	3 25		14 75			18 00	20 25		50 00	16 00	86 25		150 00	30 40
Unity	30					50		2 00	2 00		4 00		50 00	10 00
Wake Forest	1 00	2 00			2 00	5 00		2 00	3 00		5 00		25 00	
Walnut Grove	2 15					2 15	30 00	21 25	25 35		77 30		200 00	34 00
Total	82 10	78 35	65 75	47 10	20 60	294 40	186 85	131 10	224 03	71 90	613 80	213 85	2294 20	338 75

Collections—For the Orphans, \$22 30; for Sustentation, \$31 05; for Marble Slab over grave Rev. E. T. Dendy,

Incidentals	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Grand Total
	40 00		3 25
00	60 00		50 75
50	100 00	47 75	125 45
	35 00		198 75
	100 00	14 50	52 70
	20 00		143 30
	25 00	4 00	29 50
	475 00	25 75	39 90
	25 00		643 55
	150 00		27 50
00	125 00	25 00	226 55
	25 00		269 60
	75 00	5 25	36 10
	11 20		96 60
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15	75 00	4 95	130 05
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Rev. E. T. Dendy, \$16 05

